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## Gov. Beshear announces 'Safe Routes to School' funding in Cynthiana

Projects will 'enhance quality of life' for community

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Gov. Steve Beshear today announced a \$247,000 grant for the city of Cynthiana, an investment that will enhance local infrastructure and provide a safer path to school for students at Southside Elementary and Harrison County Middle schools.

"This funding will enhance the quality of life for the entire community," Gov. Beshear said. "My administration is honored to support such community efforts that provide a safe, healthy and attractive environment for citizens."

The funding, available through the federal Safe Routes to School program, will pay for replacement of deteriorated sidewalks near the schools, providing a safe path on which to walk and ride bikes. The project will also include construction of a chain link fence for protection from a steep drop-off along one of the routes.

The project begins at Webster Avenue at the junction of Education Drive and extends to Bridge Street. From Bridge Street the work will extend west to Miller Street and to Oddville Avenue, and from Bridge Street east to Elmarch Avenue to Harrison Avenue. Approximately 200 students live within a two-mile radius of the schools.

Safe Routes to School projects are designed to encourage students in kindergarten through eighthgrade to walk or ride bicycles to school – getting exercise and reducing motor vehicle traffic. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet administers both programs in Kentucky.

"The citizens of Cynthiana can be proud of their community, and our cabinet is happy to be able to support their efforts to provide safe transportation alternatives," said Transportation Secretary Joe Prather.